(c) whether Government would reconsider this decision to change the existing pattern?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) No representation has been received from the State of Kerala regarding treating the existing formula for allocation of power from new central sector generating stations as guidelines.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Combined power Generation from Thermal and Hydro Sectors

4823. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to State:

(a) whether it is a fact that the combined power generation from Thermal (including Oil, Gas and Wind) and Hydro sectors has come down substantially during the year 1998-99, despite having an increase in the installed capacity;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what measures are beign taken to increase the generation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Taking over Raurkela Power Plant by NTPC

4824. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state whether the NTPC proposed to take over the Power Plant of Raurkela Steel Plant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has recently proposed to offer captive power plants at their steel plants in Durgapur (120 MW), Raurkela (120 MW) and Bokaro (320 MW) to be transferred to a Joint Venture Company in which NTPC could be a partner. The Proposal of SAIL in this regard is under examination in NTPC.

NTPC Projects

4825. SHRI BRHAMKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state;

(a) the names of NTPC proejcts on Liquified Natural Gas;

(b) the names of NTPC projects which are running on Naphtha;

(c) the names of the proejct for which ultimate fuel LNG is envisaged;

(d) the reasons for use of this particular fuel; and

(e) the reasons for running some of the NTPC projects behind schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Presently none of the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) gas power plants are running on Liquified Natural Gas (LNG).

(b) Of NTPC's power plants only Kayamkulam CCPP Stage-I in Kerala is operating with Naphtha as the primary fuel. However, NTPC is using Naphtha as an alternate fuel for its gas based power plants at Kawas, Anta and Auraiya also.

(c) The expansion stages of Combined Cycle Power Plants (CCPP) at Kawas and Jhanor-Gandhar in Gujarat, Anta in Rajasthan and Auraiya in Uttar Pradesh are planned based on LNG as the ultimate fuel with Naphtha to be used as the bridge fuel during the initial Period of operation till such time LNG is made available. Even Kayamkulam CCPP will have LNG as the ultimate fuel.

(d) Natural gas is cleaner fuel for power generation and gas based power plants have short gestation period as compared to coal based or hydro power plants. LNG is nothing but natural gas which is liquified to facilitate its transportation and has been considered as ultimate fuel for NTPC's expansion units.

(e) None of the NTPC's on going projects are presently running behind schedule.

Counter Guarantee and for PPA Private Firms

4826. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Power Purchase Agreement has been signed by the Central and state Government with the private power producers and any counter guarantee agreement also signed by the Central Government with any of these private firms;

(b) if so,the details thereof; and